PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: METHOD OF INSPECTING STRAY LIGHT THAT OCCURS IN A RADIATION IMAGE READER

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 13, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend page 19, lines 10-25 to page 20, lines 1-15 to read:

Fig. 13 illustrates how an inspection of stray light is carried out by use of the storable fluorescent inspection sheet 21 shown in Fig. 9. Assume that in the radiation image reader 1, stray light develops at the position P6 shown in Fig. 11 during reading at the position P5. As illustrated in Fig. 13, a low-density region 27A and a high-density region 27B develop in an image 27, obtained by reading the storable fluorescent inspection sheet 21. In the case where the positions P5 and P6 on a certain horizontal scanning line are both in the low-density region 24A of the radiation inspection image 24, noise resulting from stray light is inconspicuous. However,